

FACULTY OF MUSIC UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO

Opera Division
presents

Opera Excerpts

MacMILLAN THEATRE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1986

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1986

8:00 pm

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PROGRAMME

Così fan tutte

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART
(1756-1791)

Act II Finale (in Italian)

November 21

Fiordiligi
Dorabella
Ferrando
Guglielmo
Don Alfonso
Despina

Janet Harach
Anne Demougin
John Krier
Robert Urgan
Regan Grant
Jane Leibel

November 22

Anitasha Pakalniskis
Monica Zerbe
Ronald Greydanus
Richard Theiss
Robert Milne
Alison Pybus

JOHN GREER, Musical Director
CONSTANCE FISHER, Stage Director
MICHAEL EVANS, Pianist

The Rake's Progress

IGOR STRAVINSKY
(1882-1971)

Act II Scenes 2 and 3

November 21

Anne Trulove
Tom Rakewell
Baba the Turk
Nick Shadow

Jo-Anne Bergeron
Geoffrey Butler
Lisa Gaasenbeek
Richard Theiss

November 22

Adrianne Pieczonka
Nicolas Groenewegen
Anne Demougin
Mark Wilson

JOHN GREER, Musical Director
CONSTANCE FISHER, Stage Director
STEPHEN RALLS, Pianist

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Carmen

GEORGES BIZET
(1838-1875)

Act II Quintet (in French)

November 21

Carmen
Frasquita
Mercédès

Monica Zerbe
Adrianne Pieczonka
Lisa Gaasenbeek

November 22

Nina Lorcini
Suzanne Kompass
Norine Burgess

E1 Remendado
Le Dancaïre

Nicolas Groenewegen
Richard Szuba

Kenneth Beal
Robert Longo

MICHAEL EVANS, Musical Director
MICHAEL ALBANO, Stage Director
STEPHEN RALLS, Pianist

Thaïs

JULES MASSENET
(1842-1912)

Final Scene (in French)

November 21

November 22

Thaïs
Athanaël
Albine

Suzanne Kompass
Robert Ursan
Nina Lorcini

Jane Leibel
Mark Wilson
Lisa Gaasenbeek

JOHN GREER, Musical Director and Pianist
MICHAEL ALBANO, Stage Director

Don Pasquale

GAETANO DONIZETTI
(1797-1848)

Act III (in English)

November 21

November 22

Don Pasquale
Norina
Ernesto
Dr. Malatesta

Robert Milne
Karen Davis
Kenneth Beal
Robert Longo

Regan Grant
Sherri Curtis
John Krier
Robert Ursan

Jack Bakker, Bill Katsioutas, Guitar
Paul Ormandy, Tambourine
MICHAEL EVANS, Musical Director
MICHAEL ALBANO, Stage Director
STEPHEN RALLS, Pianist

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KERRY STRATTON, Assistant Conductor

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CHORUS

Margaret Ball, Marianne Bendig, Louis Boyden, Russell Braun
Jackie Chambers, Torin Chiles, Norma Churchill, Louise Drapeau
Rayanne Dupuis, Leslie Fagan, Lesley Findlay, Martin Good
Mary Hahn, Avril Helbig, Catherine Janus, Francis Pappas
Laura Schatz, Sandra Schwartz, Katherine Twaddle, Monica Whicher

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NOTES

Così fan tutte

WOLFGANG AMADEUS MOZART

It is said that da Ponte based his libretto for **Così fan tutte** (also called **The School for Lovers**) on a real-life incident which had once been the talk of Vienna. Two young officers (Ferrando and Guglielmo), confident of the constancy of the sisters to whom they are engaged (Dorabella and Fiordiligi), enter a bet with an older bachelor friend (Don Alfonso), a wily philosopher who maintains that a woman's fidelity is not quite the sturdy fortress they imagine it to be. Don Alfonso, with the help of Despina, the sisters' maid, introduces them to two "Albanians" - the disguised Ferrando and Guglielmo. The soldiers so successfully court each other's fiancées that, by the finale of Act II, a double wedding is in progress. After being wished health, happiness and many children by their servants, the two sisters and Ferrando join in a lyrical toast to the future while Guglielmo wishes angrily to himself that the wine would turn to poison in the mouths of the unfaithful women. Alfonso introduces the "notary" - Despina in disguise - and the girls impatiently sign the marriage contract. A military chorus interrupts the proceedings and Don Alfonso, in feigned frenzy, announces the unexpected return of Ferrando and Guglielmo. In a panic the "Albanians" are bundled out - presently to reappear in their soldier's uniforms to confront the near hysterical Fiordiligi and Dorabella. When Despina is unmasked and the marriage contract slyly revealed by Don Alfonso the two soldiers curse the unfaithful sisters. Begging forgiveness, the sisters turn on Don Alfonso, blaming him for their misery and demanding an explanation. The mystery is solved when the soldiers reveal themselves as the hidden "Albanians" and return the lockets which they had wooed from the ladies. Despina, who had also been deceived by Alfonso regarding the identity of the "Albanians," is placated with gold coins. Don Alfonso urges the lovers to laugh with him about their recent follies and the opera concludes with an axiom to the audience: "Fortunate is the man who, led by reason, can turn any circumstance to his own advantage - tears to laughter - and the torments of life to a heavenly calm."

The Rake's Progress

IGOR STRAVINSKY

As part of his plan to bring about the downfall of Tom Rakewell, his sinister servant Nick Shadow has persuaded him to marry

the wonder of the age, the bearded lady, Baba the Turk. As scene 2 opens Anne Trulove, deserted by Tom, has followed him to London. Arriving at his supposed dwelling she finally finds the courage to knock at his door when a strange entourage arrives. It is Tom with his veiled bride, impatient to enter her new home. The heart-broken Anne runs away - while a triumphant Baba reveals her attributes to the insistent crowd. Scene 3 opens with Baba and Tom at breakfast surrounded by some of the bizarre paraphernalia collected on her travels. Baba's incessant chattering drives Tom to distraction. She turns on him in a furious rage, taunts him with his love for Anne Trulove, whom, she says he will now never be able to marry. Tom brings the argument to an unusual close and falls asleep.

Nick Shadow enters with a mysterious machine which appears to manufacture bread. Tom wakes and describes a dream he has had of a wonderful machine which turns stones into bread. On catching sight of Nick's machine, Tom is transported with enthusiasm for his new scheme to feed the world's hungry. Nick comments sardonically of his own success in leading his master one more step on the road to ruin.

Carmen

GEORGES BIZET

At the disreputable inn of Lillas Pastia, Carmen and her gypsy companions, Frasquita and Mercédès, have been entertaining the customers of the evening. When all have left, two smugglers, Remendado and Dancaïre, inform the women that a new illegal enterprise is underway and, as usual, feminine guile and assistance are necessary for success. Carmen's revelation that she has fallen in love and will not be able to take part in the expedition causes great mirth. She is, however, adamant and the smugglers are unable to enlist her support.

Thaïs

JULES MASSENET

The action of **Thaïs** takes place at the end of the fourth century in and near Alexandria. A sensation has been caused in the great city by the presence of a ravishing courtesan, Thaïs, and a young Cebonite monk, Athanaël, who is obsessed by a desire to bring about her conversion.

At their first meeting, Thaïs and Athanaël make strong impressions upon each other. Although she initially rejects his suggestions of a pure and religious existence, Thaïs eventually yields to his doctrine and enters a convent to atone for her previous dissolute life. Ironically, Athanaël, who has since become obsessed by her physical beauty, visits the convent in the hope of taking Thaïs away with him.

A prioress informs Athanaël that Thaïs is dying by a self-imposed penance of starvation. When Thaïs is brought to him, clothed as a novice, she expresses gratitude for her spiritual redemption and, oblivious to his protestations of love, dies in his arms.

Don Pasquale

GAETANO DONIZETTI

The miserly old bachelor, Don Pasquale, has married a young girl in order to disinherit his nephew Ernesto. But the marriage is a hoax and the girl a fraud. Pretending to be "Sophronia," Dr. Malatesta's sister, she is in fact Norina, Ernesto's beloved.

As Act III begins, Pasquale's servants are getting Norina ready to go to the theatre. She has spent a fortune on this outing and when Pasquale protests she slaps him. This shocks Pasquale deeply and Norina begins to regret the part she is playing.

Pasquale find a note implying that Norina will meet her lover in the garden that evening. Malatesta encourages Pasquale to observe the meeting. Ernesto and some villagers serenade Norina. She goes into the garden and a tender scene ensues. Don Pasquale orders Norina off the premises, but Dr. Malatesta adroitly turns the tables on him. Eventually, the whole trick is explained to him and it is left to Norina, happily united with Ernesto, to point the moral.

"Whoever marries in old age is weak in the head.
Wedding bells signal quantities of trouble and grief."

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William Aide, piano with the Orford String Quartet
SHOSTAKOVICH Quintet in G minor, Op. 57
CHOPIN Sonata in B minor, Op. 58
LISZT Sonata in B minor
Walter Hall 3:00 pm \$10/\$6 students, seniors
Subscription series: \$25/\$13 students, seniors
- November 26 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO GUITAR ENSEMBLE**
Eli Kassner, director; Bryan Martin, conductor
Works by RAVEL, VIVALDI, VILLA-LOBOS, BACH,
PRAETORIUS, MOZART, CORELLI and STEPHEN DODGSON
Walter Hall 8:00 pm \$3 General Admission
- November 27 **THURSDAY NOON SERIES RECITAL**
Music by student composers
Walter Hall 12:10 pm FREE
- November 28 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO CONCERT CHOIR**
Robert Cooper, conductor
Works by BYRD, ROSSINI, BRITTEN, J.S. BACH, and
POULENC
Walter Hall 8:00 pm \$3 General Admission
- November 29 **UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO JAZZ ENSEMBLE**
Phil Nimmons, director
An evening of big band sounds
MacMillan Theatre 8:00pm \$5/\$3 students, seniors

PRODUCTION STAFF

Technical Director/Lighting Designer

Assistant to the Technical Director

Stage Manager

Assistant Stage Manager (Apprentice)

Carpenters

Technical Assistants

Crew Chief

Scenic Artist

Board Operator

Wardrobe Co-ordinator

Seamstress

Production Assistant

Make-up Supervisor

Assisted by

Wig Mistress

Assisted by

Fred Perruzza

David Macdonell

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Tom Gardner

Michael Switzer

Brent Oakley

Daniel Brown

Jan Gryger

Michael Shaw

David Macdonell

Denise Lisson

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Jack Medhurst

Jeanne Armstrong

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Fina Khan

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UPCOMING OPERA DIVISION EVENTS

Double Bill:

Angélique (JACQUES IBERT) and L'Oca del Cairo (W.A. MOZART)

March 6, 7, 13 & 14, 1987

Opera Excerpts:

April 30, May 1 & 2, 1987
